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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submitted a August 11, 2004 IDS (enclosed), along with published articles under the heading "OTHER DOCUMENTS". The January 26, 2005 official Office action provided a copy of the IDS, but crossed out the 3 three publications under the heading "OTHER DOCUMENTS" on sheet 2 of 2. The April 22, 2005 amendment provided another copy of the IDS, and requested that these documents be initialed acknowledging receipt and consideration.

The Notice of Allowability dated March 14, 2006 did not acknowledge receipt, and instead stated that the art of record set forth in the Rule 105 mailed 13 July 2005 (apparently 13 September 2005) does not constitute prior art under § 102(b), because the publication date of this document is after the filing date of the application, 30 March 2004.